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SUBJ: POVEDA WANTS MEETING BETWEEN SUPREME COUNCIL
AND TEXACO-GULF

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1. I CALLED PRIVATELY ON ADMIRAL POVEDA JULY 21 TO
APPRIZE HIM OF THE DISCOURAGING JULY 19 MEETING BETWEEN
TEXACO-GULF AND VARGAS.

2. HE SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE THE
PROBLEM IS BY MEANS OF A MEETING BETWEEN THE SUPREME
COUNCIL AND TEXACO-GULF PRINCIPALS FROM CORAL GABLES. HE
WILL ASK FOR SUCH A MEETING THROUGH THE LOCAL T-G OFFICES,
PROBABLY FOR JULY 29. IN THAT WAY THE COMPANIES AND VARGAS
CAN HAVE IT OUT IN FRONT OF THE TRIUMVERATE AND, ASSUMING
THE COMPANIES' CASE IS VALID, VARGAS WILL BE FORCED TO
SETTLE THE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.

3. POVEDA SAID THAT HE HAD WANTED TO MEET WITH SHIELDS
AND CRAWFORD BEFORE THEY LEFT BUT DUE TO A MIXAUP THIS
DID NOT HAPPEN. (APPARENTLY THE SUPREME COUNCIL UNDER-
STOOD THAT SHIELDS AND CRAWFORD WISHED TO MEET WITH IT
ON THE AFTERNOON OF JULY 21 BUT WHEN THE TIME ARRIVED,
THE TWO TEXACO OFFICIALS HAD ALREADY LEFT TOWN.)

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4. I SUGGEST DEPARTMENT INFORM TEXACO-GULF IN CORAL

GABLES OF ABOVE.
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